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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A coated workpiece comprising a substrate, an intermediate metallic layer coated on said substrate, and a layer coated on said intermediate layer, which includes an aluminum/magnesium alloy.
2. (Currently amended) The coated workpiece according to claim 1, wherein characterized in that the surface of the substrate is electrically conductive.
3. (Currently amended) The coated workpiece according to claim 1 or 2, wherein characterized in that the substrate contains a metal and/or a metal alloy and/or is a metallized substrate.
4. (Currently amended) The coated workpiece according to Claim 1 one or more of the preceding claims, wherein characterized in that the substrate contains constituents selected from the group of iron, steel, iron alloy, nonferrous metals, pressure-cast zinc, pressure-cast aluminum, titanium, titanium in the form of an alloy, magnesium, pressure-cast magnesium, or mixtures thereof, ~~the above mentioned metals preferably being present as alloy components in the substrate~~.
5. (Currently amended) The coated workpiece according to Claim 1 one or more of the preceding claims, wherein characterized in that the intermediate layer contains iron, iron and nickel, tin and nickel, nickel, cobalt, copper, chromium, molybdenum, vanadium or alloys of said the above mentioned metals.
6. (Currently amended) The coated workpiece according to Claim 1 one or more of the preceding claims, wherein characterized in that the intermediate layer has a layer thickness of from 0.1 µm to 30 µm.
7. (Currently amended) The coated workpiece according to Claim 1 one or more of the preceding claims, wherein characterized in that the layer coated on the intermediate layer, which contains an aluminum/magnesium alloy, preferably contains from 0.5 to 70 wt.-% magnesium.
8. (Currently amended) The coated workpiece according to Claim 1 one or more of the preceding claims, wherein characterized in that the layer coated on the intermediate layer, which contains an aluminum/magnesium alloy, has a layer thickness of from 0.1 µm to 100 µm.

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9. **(Currently amended)** The coated workpiece according to Claim 1 one or more of the preceding claims, wherein characterized in that the coated workpieces are rack goods, bulk materials, or continuous products, ~~the coated workpiece preferably being a wire, a metal sheet, a screw, a nut, a concrete anchorage, or a machine component part.~~

10. **(Original)** A method for the production of a coated workpiece, comprising the steps of:

- a) coating an intermediate metallic layer on a substrate, and
- b) coating a layer containing an aluminum/magnesium alloy on said intermediate metallic layer.

11. **(Currently amended)** The method for the production of a coated workpiece according to claim 10, wherein characterized in that the intermediate metallic layer is deposited from an aqueous solution or from a non-aqueous solution in step a).

12. **(Currently amended)** The method for the production of a coated workpiece according to claim 10 or 11, wherein characterized in that the intermediate metallic layer is electrodeposited from an aqueous electrolyte in step a).

13. **(Currently amended)** The method for the production of a coated workpiece according to claim 10, wherein characterized in that the layer including an aluminum/magnesium alloy is deposited from an anhydrous electrolyte in step b).

14. **(Currently amended)** The method for the production of a coated workpiece according to claim 13, wherein characterized in that the layer including an aluminum/magnesium alloy is electrodeposited from said anhydrous electrolyte in step b).

15. **(Currently amended)** The method for the production of a coated workpiece according to Claim one or more of claims 10 to 14, wherein characterized in that an electrically conductive layer is coated on the substrate prior to coating the intermediate metallic layer in step a).

16. **(Currently amended)** The method for the production of a coated workpiece according to claim 15, wherein characterized in that the electrically conductive layer is coated on the substrate by means of metallization.

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17. **(New)** The coated workpiece according to Claim 4, wherein the substrate contains constituents selected from alloys of iron, steel, iron alloy, nonferrous metals, pressure-cast zinc, pressure-cast aluminum, titanium, magnesium, pressure-cast magnesium, or mixtures thereof.

18. **(New)** The coated workpiece according to Claim 9, wherein the coated workpieces are selected from a wire, a metal sheet, a screw, a nut, a concrete anchorage, or a machine component part.